

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CHA'S FY2014 MOVING TO WORK ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the attached FY2014 Moving to Work (MTW) Annual Report and grant authorization to submit the document to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval.

The Chief of Staff, MTW Policy & Reporting Department and the Office of the General Counsel, have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative and recommend the approval of this item accordingly.

CORPORATE GOAL

Submission of the FY2014 MTW Annual Report fulfills CHA's annual MTW reporting requirements and supports CHA's goal of continued successful compliance with the obligations of HUD's Moving to Work Demonstration Program.

FUNDING: Not applicable.

GENERAL BACKGROUND

CHA and HUD signed the original Moving to Work (MTW) Agreement on February 6, 2000 which allowed CHA to implement the original Plan for Transformation. CHA's Amended and Restated MTW Agreement with HUD was fully executed on June 26, 2008 which extended CHA's participation in the MTW Demonstration Program through FY2018.

In April 2013, CHA unveiled a new strategic plan, *Plan Forward: Communities that Work*, which outlines the agency's newly articulated mission and strategic goals that will guide CHA's current and future work. As CHA implements Plan Forward initiatives, the agency will continue to pursue the three statutory objectives of the MTW Demonstration Program:

- *MTW Statutory Objective I:* Increase housing choices for low-income families.
- *MTW Statutory Objective II:* Give incentives to families with children where the head of household is working, seeking work, or is preparing for work by participating in job training, educational programs, or programs that assist people to obtain employment and become economically self-sufficient.
- *MTW Statutory Objective III:* Reduce costs and achieve greater cost effectiveness in federal expenditures.

As part of the MTW Agreement, CHA is required to submit an Annual Report to HUD, due 90 days after the end of the fiscal year. The FY2014 MTW Annual Report provides information necessary for HUD to assess CHA's performance in FY2014 regarding both operations and activities authorized by the MTW Demonstration Program.

In May 2013, HUD issued a revised Form 50900 (Attachment B to the Amended and Restated MTW Agreement) which outlines new requirements for the content of MTW Annual Plans/Reports and for tracking the impact of MTW activities. CHA continues to work with HUD to ensure compliance with the new Form 50900.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with all applicable Chicago Housing Authority board policies and all applicable federal (HUD) regulations.

The Chief of Staff concurs with the recommendation to approve the FY2014 MTW Annual Report.

The CEO recommends the approval of the FY2014 MTW Annual Report and submission to HUD by the deadline of March 31, 2015.

Based upon the foregoing, it is recommended that the Board approve the FY2014 MTW Annual Report and grant authorization to the Chief Executive Officer, the Board Chairperson, or their designee to approve any final updates as deemed necessary to submit the FY2014 MTW Annual Report to HUD on the March 31, 2015 deadline.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-CHA-20

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated March 11, 2015 requesting approval of the FY2014 Moving to Work Annual Report, attached hereto;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

THAT the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached FY2014 Moving to Work Annual Report and grants authorization to the Chief Executive Officer, the Board Chairperson, or their designee to make any final updates as deemed necessary.

THAT the Board of Commissioners grants authorization to submit the FY2014 Moving to Work Annual Report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on March 31, 2015. Such approval shall constitute conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of any and all such updates.

